



## **Charles Elliott Williams**

### **Served as a Buffalo Soldier in Normandy on D-Day**

Charles Elliott Williams was enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving active duty as a Buffalo Soldier, from August 11, 1941, through November 27, 1945, in the 15th Infantry. He was wounded while fighting in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy and received an honorable discharge along with the decoration of the Purple Heart Award.

Returning from WWII, Williams studied electronics at the Hilltop Electronics School, performing his trade for various employers. He served tenures in the Federal Government for the U.S. Government Printing Office and the National Labor Relations Board. After he retired, he opened his own electronics business known as "All Hours TV Service".

He born September 23, 1919, in Laytonsville, Maryland, to the late Harvey and Nellie Stewart-Williams. Williams was the fifth born of ten children. His family later moved to nearby Lyttonsville, a neighborhood in Silver Spring, Maryland. Lyttonsville was founded in 1853 before the Civil War by the free African-American Samuel Lytton.

Williams attended Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church in Silver Spring, which later moved, becoming the Van Buren United Methodist Church, D.C., where he was a committed member of the senior choir.

Socially, he loved spending time with his wife, family and friends, as he was a lover of people, a great storyteller, and exemplary dancer. He took much pride in his accomplishments, sharing the importance of family history and values, the work ethic, and the important of learning with the younger generations in the family.

Williams died at the age of 95 on May 30, 2015. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.